been done not as a matter of exception but as a matter of general rule in all cases where tenders are called for.

President.—I think tenders can be called for under the inspection is our each Panchayat.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Are not the persons who call these tenders coming from outside ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Very many works are tendered for by the people of the locality.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—But not all, I believe.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Generally this is the case.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—In such cases is it not better for the Panchayats to call for tenders ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Generally Panchayats call for tenders at their own recommendations and on these recommendations I will pass final orders. I do not receive tenders myself.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Has he got the power to accept these recommendations ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have got.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Has not the Panchayat got the power to accept these tenders ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No. Above Rs. 500 the Panchayat has not got power.

Stud Bulls.

175. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government inform the House as to:—(a) the number of stud bulls maintained in the Farm at Ollukkara ;

(b) whether any special facilities have been made for farmers who live at a distance from the Farm to get the service of the stud bulls ;

(c) whether any stud bull is being maintained in any other station; if so, where ;

(d) has the Government considered the advisability of supplying a stud bull each to every Panchayat ;

(e) does the Government encourage the keeping of stud bulls by private owners by giving them grants for the maintenance of the same ;

(f) is the Government aware that the system of giving grants to private owners is being adopted in Travancore?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Eight.

(b) The animals belonging to ryots are on requisition admitted to the Central Farm and sent back after service. Feeding and covering charges are levied. If, however, any ryot finds it inconvenient to send all his animals to the Farm, the De-

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partment has no objection to send the bulls, on requisition, to the farmer's residence provided the authorities concerned are satisfied that the animals will be properly taken care of.

(c) Yes; in the Vyttila Cocoanut Station. The Devaswam Department stations a stud bull each at Trippunittura, Trichur, Annamanada and Tiruvilluamala. The animal at Annamanada died recently.

(d) Government have realised that the idea is good.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Are those available to all sections of the people?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The questions and answers will kindly be addressed to the President. Nothing can be heard.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—With regard to (c) are these available to all sections of the public?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They are available.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I want to know whether the Government propose to give effect to that idea.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That matter is being considered.

Choondal Panchayat.

176. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the new Choondal Panchayat was constituted;

(b) when did its predecessor function last;

(c) when did the new one function for the first time;

(d) what was the reason for this long period of interregnum;

(e) when were the elections to the Panchayat over;

(f) when was the list of nominations for the new Panchayat submitted first by the Superintendent;

(g) when was the list of nominations published in the Gazette;

(h) what was the long delay due to;

(i) how many suits have been presented during the interregnum;

(j) did any deputation wait on the Diwan connected with the nominations headed by any Member of the Legislative Council;

(k) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table papers connected with the nominations to this Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) 1—10—1103.

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